IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto to set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI, a men's fraternity at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, observes the 75th anniversary of its existence at the University; and,

WHEREAS, The Chapter of Beta Theta Pi in South Dakota has contributed many men to the business, professional, educational, legal and governmental areas of South Dakota, and made a highly significant contribution to the growth and development of South Dakota since 1912; and,

WHEREAS, The 1912 football team at the University of South Dakota included a majority of the members from this fraternity, defeated the University of Minnesota and the University of Michigan in football, and retains the honor of being one of the outstanding football teams in the history of the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The Beta Chapter at Vermillion has provided us with some of the highest officials in the government of South Dakota including a Governor, an Attorney General, and numerous other state officials and members of the South Dakota legislature, and provided numerous political leaders in both political parties; and,

WHEREAS, The Gamma Alpha Chapter has provided numerous athletes in football, basketball and the other major sports including the first "Little All-American" in football from South Dakota, and provided one member to the United States professional football championship team; and,

WHEREAS, The Beta Chapter at Vermillion has constituted one of the largest, active and successful fraternities on the campus of the University of South Dakota and made highly significant contributions to the student body and its activities; and,

WHEREAS, The Gamma Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi will observe its 75th anniversary in Vermillion and, also, at a banquet in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Saturday, October 17, and will include the president of the general fraternity, other distinguished guests, and many graduates from several parts of the United States who will return for this occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 17, 1987, as

BETA THETA PI DAY

in South Dakota, in the 75th year of existence of the GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI which has contributed vitally to the history of South Dakota and urge all to commemorate this milestone in history.